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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Legislative Liaison Division, CIG

SUBJECT: National Science Foundation Legislation

REFERENCE: Your memo dated 17 Feb 47, same subject

1. Senate Bill S.525 on the National Science Foundation is the old "pork barrel" bill; S.526 is the "scientific" bill which anyone without political aspirations would undoubtedly support. S.526 allows full scope of activity for the Foundation members, and provides for inclusion of social sciences if the Foundation members so decide.

2. Creation of such a Foundation is of prime interest to the Scientific Branch, ORE. As a consequence of the proposed national and international scientific cooperation, a vast amount of scientific information should flow into the Foundation. CIG should establish a strong liaison to the Foundation in order to utilize this information but the liaison would undoubtedly have to be carefully handled, such as a scientist to a scientist and not by any CIG liaison group, in order not to jeopardize the international cooperative spirit of the Foundation. No member of CIG, regardless of his CIG position or professional qualifications, should have any official connection with the Foundation.

3. Please keep us informed on the legislative situation regarding this activity.

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